

Amendment No. 1 to SB1471

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1471

House Bill No. 1805*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004, is amended by deleting subsection (f) and substituting instead the following:

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(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "year-round school" means a school in which the students attending receive eight (8) or fewer weeks of summer vacation.

(2) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year and every school year thereafter, LEAs and all schools receiving any funds from the state shall commence the school year no earlier than the fourth Monday in August; unless the school operated under a year-round school calendar during the 2010-2011 school year.

(3) Each year, the department of education shall notify an LEA of the status of its schools with respect to failure to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) at least fourteen (14) days before the fourth Monday in August.

(4) LEAs that in any consecutive five-year period average more than ten (10) canceled school days per year due to inclement weather, natural disaster, or serious outbreak of contagious illness may begin the school year earlier than the fourth Monday in August for the school year immediately following the five-year period. The LEA may start school the school year one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the average number of days missed in the five-year period. If such calculation results in a fraction, then the number of days that the LEA may start school before the fourth Monday in August shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department shall create and publish a timeline that meets federal school choice notification requirements with regard to providing students who attend a school required to offer school choice with a minimum of fourteen (14) days before the first day of school to make school choice decisions.

(b) LEAs are encouraged to schedule "Back to School" events in a timeframe that allows students taking advantage of public school choice to participate.

(c) The provisions of this bill shall not be construed to apply to innovative educational programs pursuant to § 49-1-614.

(d) Students shall not be prevented from taking part in clubs, teams, or organizations due to exercise of school choice options pursuant to the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Student athletes shall not be penalized for not attending summer practices or training if the students were eligible for school choice due to a school's failure to make adequate yearly progress.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.